

## TRENT CANAL WHARVES.

Mr. BURNHAM:

Will the Government inform this House which department is in charge of the maintenance, custody and repair of certain wharves at points along the western shore of the Otonabee (Trent) river between lock seven and Rice Lake on the Trent Canal?

Mr. COCHRANE: No department of the Government is in charge of the maintenance, custody and repair of the wharves in question as these structures are situated upon municipally owned lands.

JAMES LOVETT.

Mr. A. K. MACLEAN:

1. Was James Lovett dismissed from the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Halifax, N.S., for acts of partisanship?

2. If so, what were said acts of partisanship, and when were they committed?

Mr. REID: 1 and 2. Yes. The information with respect to his dismissal will be brought down in reply to a notice of motion now on the Order Paper.

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

On the Order Notices of Motion:

Mr. PUGSLEY: Is there any reason for further delay in proceeding with the Notice which stands in my name providing for the granting of the franchise to women?

Sir THOMAS WHITE: The subject matter of this resolution is of great importance. It is not of immediate urgency as the question of the franchise is not before the House. I asked my hon. friend the other day if he would be good enough to let this stand because it is a matter of great importance involving a question of policy, and as the Prime Minister spoke to a somewhat similar resolution, I think in the early part of last session, it would seem to me not only expedient but courteous to allow the matter to stand until his return. I am sure that my hon. friend will be willing to agree to that. He will be given an opportunity of bringing forward and discussing his motion; in other words, he will be in precisely the same position as he is to-day. I have asked the hon. member for South Oxford (Mr. Sutherland) to allow his motion also to stand.

Motion stands.

## UNOPPOSED MOTIONS FOR PAPERS.

Mr. MACDONALD:

For a copy of all letters, telegrams, reports and other papers and documents relative to the application of Willis Keizer of Hall's Harbour, King's County, N.S., for a license to operate a fishing weir at Square Cove, King's County, N.S.

Mr. J. J. HUGHES:

For a copy of all letters, telegrams, recommendations and other documents applying for or having reference to the position of Postmaster at Charlottetown, P.E.I., together with a copy of all replies sent by the Government or the Post Office Department to such applications and recommendations.

Mr. E. LAPOINTE:

For a copy of all documents, papers, correspondence and reports concerning the suspension of Polydore Lebel, engineer on the Intercolonial Railway at Rivière du Loup, as a result of a wreck in the year 1916.

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR A RETURN.

Mr. TURRIF:

1. How many members of the House of Commons are serving or have served in the Canadian Army?

2. What are the names of each of said members, the date of appointment, and rank?

3. What are the names of those members who have resigned or have withdrawn from military service and the date of withdrawal or resignation?

4. How much has been paid to each for military salary, expenses and separation allowance to wife or relatives, respectively?

## GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—PRO-MOTION OF EMPLOYEES.

Mr. Herménégilde Boulay (Rimouski) moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the employees on the Government railway should be promoted to official positions on that line before allowing the General Manager to employ strangers.

Mr. H. BOULAY (Rimouski) (Translation): Mr. Speaker, I gladly take advantage of the presence of the Minister of Railways here tonight to call attention to certain facts connected with the management of the Intercolonial. At every session of Parliament, I have reluctantly to revert to the same subject. This year, as nothing was done to remedy a situation which I consider defective, I must again take up the question, the more willingly because the minister is here present to hear what I have to say in criticism of that management. The main grievance relates to the unfair treatment meted out to old employees of the road—they are government employees—in the matter of promotion. Since I have the honour to sit in this House, I always heard it claimed by ministers who have charge of the several departments that they made it their duty to promote officials according to each one's deserts and as a reward for his zeal in the performance of his duties. Now, I am sorry to see a different policy has prevailed in the case of the Intercolonial and other Government railways since our party came into power. True it is that the liberal party—gentlemen on the left can take their med-